

He is Risen



Sunday, April 17 2022



Today is Easter Sunday and we will celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter continues and lasts until May 29. The first Sunday in June is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until then. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live,
in love, with compassion and seeking justice,
by sharing God's grace,
learning from scripture,
growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Reminder on COVID Protocols at St. Andrew's

It is exciting to see in-person attendance gradually building from Sunday to Sunday here at St. Andrew's. It is refreshing to connect personally with our fellow worshippers. And of course, we continue to provide the recorded on-line option for folks who are unable to attend for various reasons.

We feel it is now time to relax some of the COVID protocols in line with various changes that are taking place across the country. Specifically, starting Easter Sunday, we will no longer be asking for proof of vaccination to attend the services. **But it continues to be important to wear face masks and follow social distancing practices.**

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Your Church Council

Easter Sunday

GATHERING: Dean Pollard - trumpet

ENCOUNTER WITH MARY MAGDALENE: Rhonda Kennedy-Rogers

CENTERING WORDS



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Abingdon Worship
Annual 2022
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

HYMN: **VU155** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
♪ **Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!**
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
Praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! ♪

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN: **VU186** *Now the Green Blade Rises*
♪ **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,**
Wheat that in dark earth many days have lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again, like wheat arising green. ♪

GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND:
Welcome in the name of Christ.
Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation.
Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship and wonder.
It is good to be here. It is good to be together.
It is good to be together here in this place and it is good to connect online.
Let us prepare to worship God.

ANTHEM: *Easter Joy* (W.H. Anderson)
Easter comes with festive gladness, herald of re-
turning spring;
Earth awakes in jubilation, life and health to all to bring.
Bells ring out their joyous message, death's dark veil by love is torn:
Christ hath burst its bonds asunder. Hail the resurrection morn!

Through the winter, nature, sleeping, gathers strength its work to do.
Now, revived, to life it springeth, from the seed its gifts to woo.
Birds, their sweetest carols chanting, greet this season of the year;
Flowering buds, their heads uplifting, deck the pastures with good cheer.

With the rising of earth's chorus on this festal Day of days,
Choirs, in songs of exaltation, join in thankfulness and praise.
"Alleluia!" all are singing, blending in one grand acclaim,
"Christ o'er darkness is triumphant! Laud and magnify His name!"

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:1-12 Bernard Boland
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU173** *Thine is the Glory*
♪ **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:**
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.

(refrain) **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son:
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth: death has lost its sting. R**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R ♪**

SERMON

DUET: Evan & Izzy - *Hymn of Promise* (Natalie Sleeth)
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;

Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown,
Which God alone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The tomb is empty! Jesus is risen! Hope is alive!
Sung response: **VU180 Christ is Risen** (Refrain)
**Christ is risen, yes indeed!
Hallelujah!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU914**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings**
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

BLESSING: (Adapted from David Sparks, Summerland, B.C., The Gathering Lent/Easter Resources)

We go with joy: the "beyond belief" joy of Mary who encounters the risen Christ.

We go with enthusiasm: the enthusiasm the disciples knew as they encountered the risen Christ.

We go with friends: the faith community has been renewed and instilled with zest.

We go with love: the transforming love that will not give up when loss and despair hit home, the transforming love that leaves death defeated in the dust.

**We go with joy, enthusiasm, friends and love.
The risen Christ goes with us. Hallelujah.**

BENEDICTION: Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah, G.F. Handel)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

**The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.**

**King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!**

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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POSTLUDE: *Alleluia* (from Exsultate Jubilate) W. A. Mozart Dean Polard, trumpet

Announcements

A big thank you to our singers. A special thanks to our duet from Evan and Izzy. A thank you to our scripture reader Bernard Boland, trumpeter Dean Polard and reading from Rhonda Kennedy-Rogers.

Landscaping:

P&A are looking for a person or persons (small committee) to care for and maintain the flower urns at the 255 Oak entrance. This would include care and pruning of shrubs/trees along the ramp and Oak Street. We are suggesting a small budget for the flowers or plants. Receipts would be turned in for reimbursement. The timeline would be May to September and would not include any grass cutting or spring/fall cleanup. Please indicate your interest or direct inquiries to John Swan at swanfam@shaw.ca

St. Andrew's Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. We will be discussing **American War** by Omar El Akkad. The story, set at the 21st century, follows Sarat and her family as she grows up in a displaced persons camp during the Second American Civil War. Life in the south of USA has also been changed due to a deadly plague and global warming. Everyone is welcome to join the group for the discussion. Extra copies of the book are available from Ruth McKenzie who can be reached at 204-489-1537.

Got any loose change? The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their new breakfast program.

Remember in Prayer:

Bill Craddock who had knee surgery at the Grace Hospital on April 5th is recuperating at home.

Audrey Belyea and Phyllis Thomson in the passing of their brother David Richard Naylor Cooke on March 28, 2022.

Sandra (Samm) Brown is in St. Boniface Hospital.

Sue Bolton as she awaits surgery.

Those at The Wellington, 3161 Grant Avenue R3R 3R1

Audrey Belyea, Marjorie Eckert, Joyce Rich, Bob Siddall, Phyllis Thomson, Shirley Keats, as well as Ross and Doreen Adamson who have just moved into The Wellington.

Thursday, April 28th service of Celebration for Doreen Morrow will be held at St. Andrew's at 2:00 with a reception to follow.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

* Psalm 150

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Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?



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